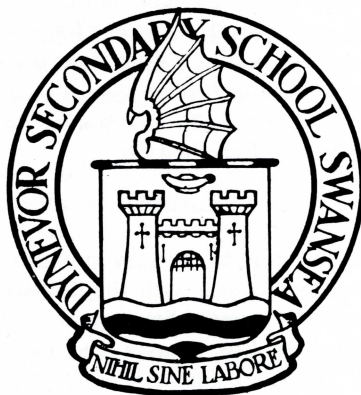


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EDITORIAL

Editor: A. Willmott, UVIA.

Before complaining about the late appearance of the magazine, think about your contribution.....The response to repeated appeals for material was disheartening. The school magazine can exist only by your support, your co-operation, and it is known from our "Workshop Evenings" – and from "Dobbin", too – that there is more than enough ability in the school to produce a most successful magazine.

Very soon, we shall be appealing for articles, poems, illustrations – anything! for the next issue. Now is the time to think about your share – and to offer your contribution. A bumper magazine next time please!

SCHOOL NOTES

The school commenced the Autumn Term 1971 for the first time with no second-year pupils. The school now assumes its Senior Comprehensive role with pupils aged 13+ only. There are now therefore no first or second year pupils at the school. The September 1972 intake was the first truly comprehensive intake, consisting entirely of pupils who had not sat the 11+ Examination.

The school curriculum continues to increase in width. For some years there has been a Link Course in Computer Science with the College of Technology. This has meant that certain Dynevor sixth-formers have spent part of their time studying at Mount Pleasant. Recently further link courses have been discussed with the College of Technology and Dynevor pupils are currently following courses in Building Science, Motor Engineering and Workshop Theory and Practice at the College. More Link courses may follow in the near future.

The Parent-Teacher Association is continuing to flourish and the school acknowledges with gratitude the financial and practical assistance which it has received from the Association.

Staff changes have been few. Mr. Tom Moss (Mathematics) retired after eight years at Dynevor. The only other member of the permanent staff who left was Mr. W.D. Tiplady, B.Sc., who is to be congratulated on his Head of Mathematics Department appointment at Ysgol Gyfun, Ystalyfera. Mrs. Heather Jones, B.A. and Mrs. Rita Roberts have been recently appointed to the permanent full-time teaching staff of Dynevor.

Dr. A.V. Jenkins, Mr. W. Sterio, Mr. P.A.J. Bashford and Mr. J.F.B. Morris are welcome newcomers to the staff.

The Headmaster wishes to congratulate all staff and pupils who contributed to the outstanding success of the school play, "Penny for a Song", by John Whiting.

The School has been informed by Christ College, Cambridge, that former Dynevor Vice-Captain, Rowan D. Williams, this year obtained one of the best degrees gained in that College for a number of years. Rowan has now moved across to Christ Church, Oxford, to carry out research work.

Geoffrey Donovan, who left Dynevor in 1968, has just obtained a first-class honours degree in Mathematics at Sheffield University and has moved to Christ College, Cambridge, to carry out mathematical research.

It is pleasing to report that Mr. O.A. Morris has been re-elected Chairman of the South Wales National Savings Education Committee, and has also been invited by the Department of Education and Science to become a member of the Library Advisory Council (Wales) for a further two years.

Mr. O.J. Hughes has also been elected as the Welsh Joint Four representative on the South Wales National Savings Education Committee.

The school is greatly indebted to Mr. David J. Goldstone, an Old Dy'vorian, now a lawyer and business man in London. Mr. Goldstone has provided Dynevor with a 17-seater mini-bus which is proving of great value in the academic, social and sporting life of the school.

There has been a number of administrative staff changes. Chief Clerk, Mr. Julian Davies, has been promoted to a senior appointment in the Management Services Unit at the Guildhall. We welcome in his place ex-Dy'vorian, Mr. Roy Williams, who was formerly on the clerical staff at the Education Department, Guildhall. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Joan Griffiths to the office staff. Mrs. Griffiths was formerly on the staff of Morryston and Cefn Hengoed Comprehensive Schools.



MR. CLIFFORD EVANS

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Approximately a year ago Mr. Clifford Evans died in Stafford on 10th October, 1971, only fifteen months after his retirement as Dynevor's much esteemed Deputy Headmaster. His passing came after a painful illness and it deeply saddened all in Dynevor, the Headmaster, Staff and pupils.

A native of Blackwood and a product of Tredegar County School, Mr. Evans had a brilliant university career at Cardiff and was the Gladstone Memorial Prize-Winner of his year and graduated with First Class Honours in History.

His association with Swansea began in 1930 when he was appointed Senior History Master at Glanmor Secondary School. He held this post until 1940 when he enlisted as an Education Officer in the Royal Air Force and served with units at home and in South Africa.

After demobilisation he returned to Swansea and, from 1945 until 1964, Mr. Evans was Head of the History Department at Dynevor.

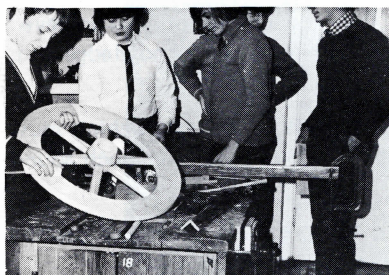
Throughout his career he taught his subject with great skill and dedication and achieved countless outstanding successes. He was renowned for his lucid thought, vast knowledge and, above all, his great integrity.

Those pupils who had the good fortune to be influenced by his inspired teaching must surely feel a deep sense of gratitude to one who set such high standards, possessed such sound judgement and implanted such a high sense of moral values.

When Mr. Evans was promoted to Deputy Headmaster, in 1964, he brought to his task the same painstaking efficiency, kind understanding and admirable frankness.

All of us at Dynevor mourn his passing. He was a first-rate schoolmaster and a Christian gentleman. Mr. Evans spent his entire life contributing to the enrichment of the lives of others but, regrettably, was not spared to enjoy the retirement which he so richly deserved.

To his daughter and relatives we offer our deepest sympathy and sincere gratitude for having had the benefit of his shining example and genial fellowship.



THE SCHOOL PLAY

Christmas 1971.

"A Penny for a Song" by John Whiting.

I am sure that this production meant more to those who could remember the dark days of 1939-1941 than it did to the younger section of the audience. John Whiting, so unappreciated in his own day, captures again the zany independence of a section of this great nation when faced by the grim threat of invasion. Those of us who dug our pathetic air-raid trenches (which promptly filled with rain water), and those who erected their Anderson and Morrison shelters with such blind faith in their efficacy, and, again, those of the L.D.V. who drilled so assiduously with walking-sticks for rifles, and would no doubt have tackled Hitler's crack para-troops with them had the latter ever landed on the playing fields of Eton and other open spaces will no doubt recognise the true picture Whiting draws of the grim litotes in the humour which underlies the British attitude in times of emergency. Comedy usually presents the foolishness of life with a view to correcting the foolish, but who would ever want to correct a noble foolishness which, by its very blindness to the odds against it, persists, and in a strange way, often triumphs.

The producer is, however, faced with a problem which demands a nice sense of judgment. If he allows the foolishness to preponderate he defeats the author's intention: equally does he do so if he treats the whole exercise too seriously. Mr. Gwynn Roberts avoided both the Scylla and the Charybdis in his production. Thus Hywel Davies as the Rev. Joseph Brotherhood, Maria Stevens as Pipping, Andrew Edwards as Humpage, Ian Batcock as Samuel Breeze, David Webb as Sir Timothy Bellboys, Howard Main as Lamprett Bellboys, Susan Lambert as Hester Bellboys and Yvonne Simons as Dorcas Bellboys, were successfully directed so that they fully and competently maintained this essential balance between seriousness of purpose and complete inanity of method. We knew that they, as a family, would never do anything so "common" as to admit that Napoleon could be "accepted", and that if he or anyone else must hurl cannon-balls into their garden then one would simply have "to shut the garden gate".

Gareth Huw Jones had a difficult part in Edward Sterne. Did he really believe in his part? Occasionally, but not so obtrusively as to destroy the theatrical illusion, I felt a little apprehensive for him. But he had been well coached, and carried his performance to an ultimate triumph. Roger Rees, as George Selincourt, had his moments, and even the Small Boy (played by Wyn Ellis or Stuart Kelling) obviously enjoyed his appearance "on the boards".

I particularly enjoyed the Dorset Fencibles (Anthony Grey, Angela Park, Brian Paddison, Peter Rees, Robert Trick, Gareth Edwards, Mike Evans and Wayne Llewelyn) and music of the small orchestra to which they "struggled" (shades of "Dad's Army"!). The Brass Section of David Evans, Keith Halfpenny, Lyndon Kervin and Philip Voyzey (plus a certain member of Staff

who shall be nameless!) was particularly effective, as indeed, was the whole orchestra, and the cello of Trevor Hansel particularly, during each performance. While on this subject, I wish to express my gratitude to Kevin Hughes for his beautifully sung opening number. We have a truly fine baritone in this boy.

No production is ever possible without the host of back-stage workers. These were marshalled and ordered effectively by Mr. David Taylor, who left us in no doubt as to where the "real" work was done by his reluctant and dishevelled curtain appearance on the last night. Seriously, however, this play taxed Dynevor even more than previous plays, and the Local Press rightly noted that we have now established a reputation for tackling difficult scenic problems successfully. The set was first-rate — I mean that literally — the house, the well, the garden, that tree. I have seen professional sets which looked tawdry in comparison. The lighting and the sound effects matched the setting; therefore I must mention with gratitude the following, for they gave us as much pleasure as did the actors: Robert Craven, Keith Davies, Jeffrey Joseph, Robert Ackland, Paul Jenkins, Peter Jones, Spencer Aubrey, Bernard Baker, Noel Joslin, John Morris, Colin Presley, Peter Rees, Laurence Richmond, Anthony Burrows and Stephen Wilde.

The costumes were made or altered by Nancy Machin, Pat Gardner, Margaret Evans and Maria Stevens (with kind assistance from Miss Joan Wilton of the Swansea Little Theatre). Indeed, for weeks before the actual production a mere male entered the minor Staff Room at the peril of his life, so flashing were the needles, so caustic was the wit!

I cannot close without two further acknowledgments: to Steven Homer for the Design of Tickets, of the Programme Cover, and of the Handbills; and to Messrs. Alcoa Britain Ltd., of Waunarlwydd, for donating aluminium tubing so that the "balloon" could safely descend, rise, and finally deposit its occupants down the well.

Such a difficult set, with so many tricky manoeuvres to be accomplished, can neither be prepared nor operated without an army of technicians. Mr. Devereux, Mr. L. G. Morris, Mr. John Morris (all undoubtedly bullied and bewildered by our old stalwart — Anthony Segadelli!), did their very best. The "team" was Timothy Williams, Gary Harvey, Paul Shill, Mike Evans, Mike Brooks, Graham Jones, Richard Davies, Roland Davies, Jeff Martin, Robert Eastman, Martin Griffiths, Andrew Thomas, Mike Panniers, Mark Seymour, Ian Batcock, Jell Lewis and, above all, the whole of Form 4/36.

Altogether, over 90 people were directly concerned in the production, and that, to my way of thinking, is a truly worthwhile "project".

PERTISAU, 1971

In 1971 Dynevor re-visited the Austrian Tyrol, going to Pertisau, a small village on the side of a lake.

The journey was very pleasant and started at 12.30 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon following the end of term. The group travelled by train to Paddington and from there we went by coach to Luton Airport. The flight over to Munich was quite an experience for some boys as it was the first time that they had flown. Buses were waiting for us at Munich Airport, and we were on our way to Pertisau without much delay. It was on this coach trip that some "budding stars" were found, resulting in the formation of "The Dynevor Male Voice VIlth-Form Choir" under the baton of G. Harvey, UVI Arts. The coach journey took about two hours, but did not seem this long as most boys joined in the fun. For a journey of over 1,000 miles the time taken was a mere twelve hours.

The following morning the boys awoke to find that the village was in extremely beautiful surroundings and, after breakfast, a quick stroll was taken around the village to find the nearest souvenir shops. At 11.00 a.m. the ski-ing equipment was collected and the first lesson taken. After this lesson the boys understood why we did not win any medals at the last Winter Olympics!

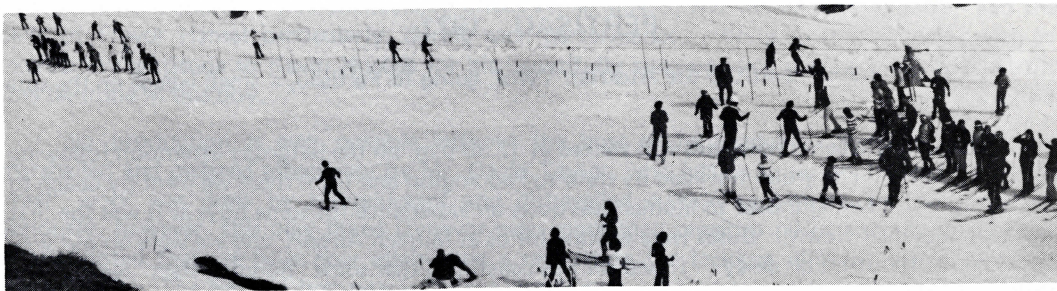
Pertisau itself is a sleepy village and consists mainly of hotels with a few 'discos' and a small 9-pin bowling alley. To his, and his colleagues' credit, Mr. Jones never neglected the boys, and the evenings were suitably filled.

In the middle of the week Mr. Jones organised a trip to Innsbruck and the boys bought all their souvenirs. While in Innsbruck the boys were treated to a visit to the spectacular Olympic ski-jump. This trip came as a welcome break — to ease the sore muscles!

The second half of the week passed quickly and, on the last but one day, seven VIlth-formers hired ski-bobs (ski-bikes) from the local ski-school. This was the first time that ski-bobs had been used by Dynevor boys. It was found that they were easy to handle, and the hardest of slopes was tackled and surmounted with ease on the very first trip. They are recommended to any boy going on a ski-trip. Regretfully, after a superb week, the group left Pertisau on the Saturday evening and, after a long and weary journey, found their way home to Swansea on Sunday morning, at 7.30 a.m.

I am sure the boys would like to thank Mr. Glyn Jones, Mr. Jeff Hopkins and Mr. George Hounsell for a great trip, enjoyed by all. We send out special thanks to the wives of our teachers for being so kind, cheerful, and helpful during the holiday.

G. Harvey, UVI Arts.



SKI-ING HOLIDAY - EASTER '72

The coach carrying the Dynevor School party left early on the Sunday Morning, bound for Luton airport. The only break in a long uneventful journey was a short stop at the Severn Bridge.

The group arrived at Luton airport one hour before take-off. This year they were particularly lucky in having a day flight, which proved very interesting for those who had not flown before. After landing in Munich, the party were then taken by coach to the Hotel Kauwendal in Pertisau where an evening meal had been prepared for them.

The following morning all the boys were up early; then, after the usual continental breakfast, they left for the ski-school in Pertisau to collect their equipment. Unfortunately, the skiing conditions in the village were very poor this year, as a result of a very mild winter. The only place which had suitable conditions and was available to the group was Grammai, a very small village further up the valley. To reach Grammai a short coach journey through the forest was necessary each morning. The first day's skiing always proves difficult for the novice and many falls were taken. As the week progressed the boys became more proficient and the sport became much more enjoyable.

In the middle of the holiday, a day excursion to Innsbruck was arranged by the group leader Mr. G. Jones. A guided tour of the town began the day, with visits to the Olympic ski-jump and other places of interest within the town. After the tour, the boys went their own separate ways to buy presents for their families and friends.

At the end of the week the boys tried the Austrian Ski-Test, and despite the very difficult conditions many were successful in gaining either the Bronze or Silver award. The end of the holiday came much too quickly and the arrival of the group back in Swansea followed a swift, yet uneventful journey.

The boys wish to thank the staff for a memorable holiday.

THE ANDOMAS

No rug of gold has the Andomas,
In reeds it makes its bed;
In bracken hard on mossy banks
It lays its tired head.

It has a tail of white and red,
A wing of browny black,
A big blue feather on its toe,
And a hump upon its back.

It came to earth when the world began,
It flew down from the moon;
It's been here now for a million years,
And must return home soon.

So when you wake tomorrow,
You'll find that things have changed;
The Andomas has vanished,
Never to come again.

Noel Joslin.



MYFI YW'R HAUL MAWR

(Addasiad O anysynfen Croeslun O Normany tua 1632)

Myfi yw'r haul na welwch,
Y gwr heb gymar,
Carcharor dan iau,
Llywriadwr na ddilynwch.

Gwirionedd na choleddwch,
Dinas ddi - deulu,
Gweddwr ddi - blentyn,
Y sanctaidd a ochelwch.

Eich cynghorwr na fyynnwch,
Carwr diwobrwy,
Buddugwr di-glod,
Colomen a drywanwch,

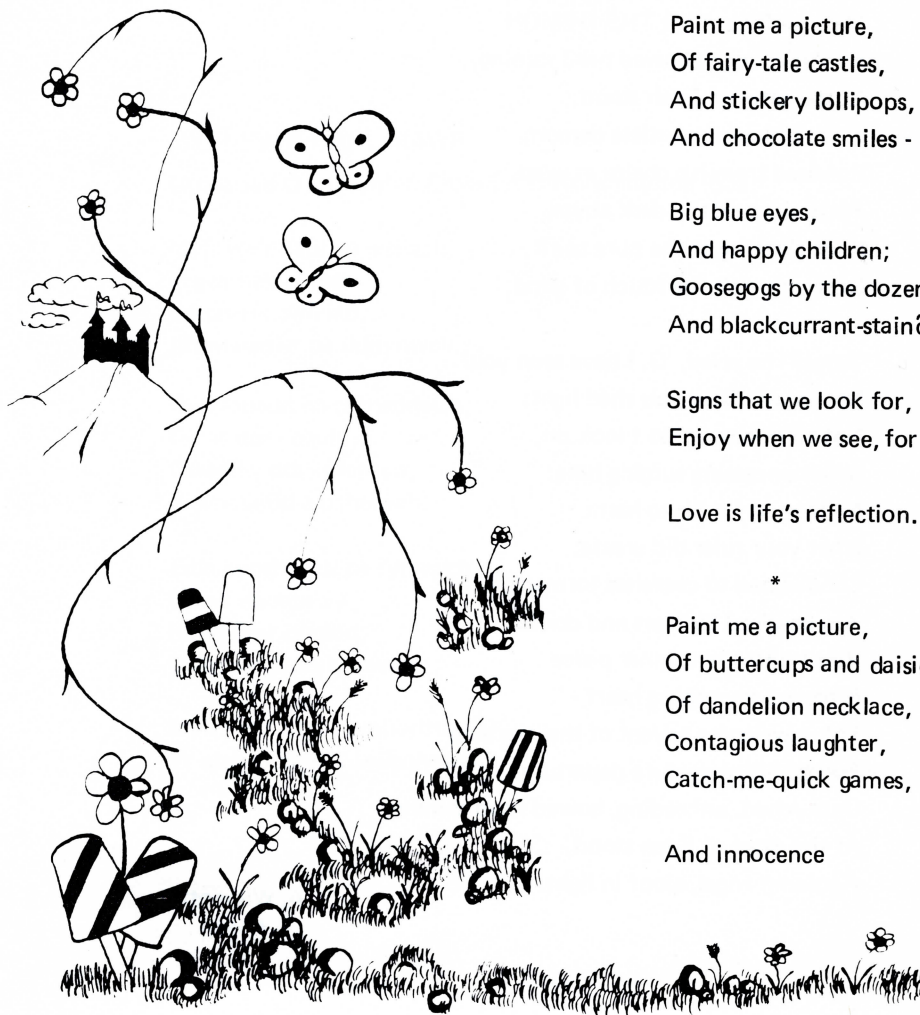
Myfi yw'r bara - ymborthwch?
Yr atgyfodiad - Llawenhewch?

Hywel Davies

THE ANGEL AND THE DEMON
A solemn angel, bowed head shining,
At the gates of Eden stood;
While a gloomy, restless demon,
Released from his chains at even,
Flitting round the dark abyss,
Kept glancing at the pure spirit,
Obscurely felt the touch of good.

'Angel!' he cried, 'O, I have seen you!
Not in vain have you shed light;
Not all in heaven do I look on,
Witch unceasing surging hate;
Neither do I wish to harm
What your ruler did create,
Condemned to ceaseless torment, I
Am besieged by fears and doubts,
Rest I know not, inner peace
Is denied my aching heart - '
Th' unwelcome advent of the morning
Forced his premature departure;
Untouched, unheeding, bowed head shining,
At the gates of Eden stood,
A solemn angel, aloof in light.

A. Willmott.
(U6A)



POEM

Paint me a picture,
Of fairy-tale castles,
And sticky lollipops,
And chocolate smiles -

Big blue eyes,
And happy children;
Goosegogs by the dozen,
And blackcurrant-stain'd faces.

Signs that we look for,
Enjoy when we see, for

Love is life's reflection.

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Paint me a picture,
Of buttercups and daisies
Of dandelion necklace,
Contagious laughter,
Catch-me-quick games,

And innocence

M. Jones
(U6Sc)



THE OLD GARDENER

The numb worn hands obtrude a long shovel,
Bent like a piston for the body,
A corpulent waist hugging the frame pivots around,
A monarch in his land,
A giant of giants the gardener,
The dark pure earth torn, cleaned by the gardener,
A fiery mind within a strong body,
The incandescence of his eyes glow, to show he is leader,
But whom has he left to serve him,
He lives in the dark furrows of a time long gone,
The things he does are cold,
Cold with a thought, a thought so strong,
A thought that he was great .

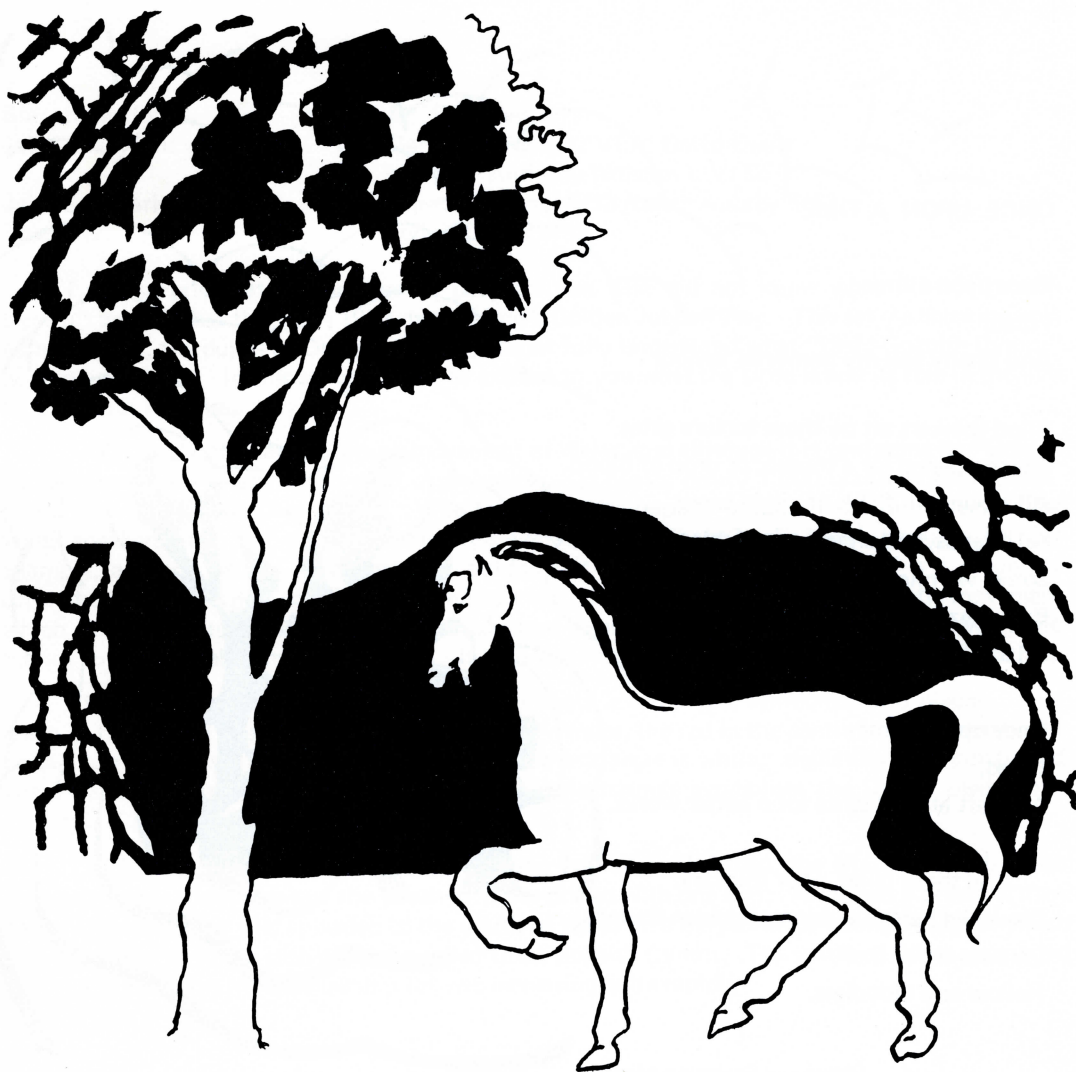
John K. Tancock
(4/27)



CONTRAST

The horses grazed on the verdant pasture,
Their waxy eyes half closed in the glowing sunlight,
The brassy sky shrouded the distant hills,
Adding to the serene countryside,
Limpid pools hung as on air nestled on the distant hills,
Forming a utopia of perfect peace,
Soft, gentle, hues, blended with fresh mountain streams,
To create a sparkling panorama,
Palisades of trees enclosed this seemingly impossible mirage,
From the teaming rancour world of man.

John K. Tancock
(4/27)





ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time ,
I died;
And finally saw my immortal saviour

Blind thinkers sat by those torture gates,
Which opened for a thumb, or drop of blood.
All around, in fields of virgin snow,
Sat friends, and enemies, and saints:
Some, warming hands,
By a brazier,
On a hill.

Once upon a time,
I died;
And left eternal strife for a better world.

.....And those blind, poor thinkers;
Crouched before a vision of golden thumbs,
Like sea-shore shell,
Hollow and bloodless.

(Clarence Frogman Henry.)

Yr Urdd

Branch Leader:	Mr. D. Lloyd
Joint Chairman:	Gareth Richards U VI A; David Evans U VI A; Anthony Williams L VI Sc I
Joint Secretaries:	Gareth H. Jones 5/13 Kelvin Aubrey 5/13
Treasurer:	Hywel Davies 5/13

I was surprised at the number of people I met who did not know what "Urdd Gobaith Cymru" was, or that this year, 1972, is the Urdd's Golden Jubilee year. This set me thinking how many of you, the pupils of Dynevor school, do not fully understand what "Urdd Gobaith Cymru" is, or what it does. In this article I hope to explain to you what the Urdd is and its role in the lives of the youth in Wales.

The 'Urdd' is the national youth movement of Wales, and although it is celebrating its "Golden Jubilee", it is still a very 'up-to-date' organisation. It boasts nearly 1,000 branches throughout Wales and about 50,000 members. The Urdd, despite popular opinion, is not a movement for Welsh speakers only, but also welcomes those who are not fluent in the Welsh language. I, for example, am one of the joint chairmen but do not speak Welsh. The 'Urdd' is a voluntary organisation which is non-political and non-sectarian. Nevertheless, it is a very patriotic movement which stresses spiritual values. Its aim and constant inspiration are its simple pledge of loyalty and service to Wales, Fellowman and Christ. It is to fulfil this pledge that every Urdd member strives.

The 'Urdd' badge, which, as most of you know is a triangle, symbolises this pledge. The green at the base of the triangle stands for 'Cymru' - Wales, the red in the centre is the international colour for 'Cyddyn' - Fellowman, the apex of the triangle is white, depicting the purity and goodness of Christ - 'Crist'. Therefore the whole triangle symbolises the Urdd's pledge of:-
I Gymru - I Gyd-ddyn - I Grist.

The Urdd was founded in 1922 by a young teacher. This man, the late Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards, had a vision: he saw the youth of Wales united with one aim. As he was a practical man he set about this task and appealed to the youth of Wales in a magazine for young people of which he was editor, to join a club which he called Urdd Gobaith Cymru. The youth of Wales responded to his plea and soon the membership list was increasing quite rapidly.

For the 'Urdd' to work successfully, branches were set up, fellow members had to meet - in camps - the Dynevor branch goes to Glanllyn every summer - where all enjoy themselves to the full, through "Eisteddfodau" and religious services, through international activities, through sport and games, through folk dancing, and through magazines and book drives.

The school branch of the 'Urdd' is, and always has been, successful. Throughout the year we have held inter house quizzes and some record evenings. By the time this magazine goes to print we hope also to hold more similar activities, debates etc.

In the summer term, as our activities were suspended because of exams, it was decided to do a project. Suggestions were put forward, but the one decided upon was the 'Urdd Hospital Appeal'. This involved the collecting of books and magazines and distributing them to the patients of Singleton Hospital. Here I feel we must thank you, the pupils of Dynevor, for donating all the books and magazines to this worthy cause.

Our congratulations must go to Iwan Davies of 3/33 for winning no less than five 'firsts' in the Urdd Area Eisteddfod, thus helping us to win the Urdd Area Eisteddfod Shield, last term. Incidentally, Dynevor is the only all-boys school to have won this award. From this Iwan went on to the County Eisteddfod winning two 'firsts' and consequently on to the Urdd National Eisteddfod, which was in Bala this year, where he obtained a 3rd place for recitation.

It has been my intention in this brief article to whet the appetites of those of you who might have interest in the movement. I have only provided you with the bare facts and, if it is your intention to find out more, we would welcome you at any of our meetings which will be held in the Music Room (Room 28) next term.

At the Swansea 'Urdd' area eisteddfod at Mynyddbach School on Saturday, March 18th, Dynevor won the Urdd Area Shield. This is the first time that a boys' school has done so. Congratulations are especially due to Iwan Davies 3/33 who won no fewer than five 1st. prizes. Dynevor Urdd Branch also had sole responsibility for manning the three doors from 11.0. am. till 7.0. pm. and were congratulated by the Area Committee for their efficiency. They also undertook the same work at the County Eisteddfod. We wish Iwan Davies every success and hope he will go forward to win at the National 'Urdd' Jubilee Eisteddfod at Bala, Merionethshire.



Mr. David Goldstone presents the mini-bus to the Headmaster, Mr. D.B.Norris.

OLD DYVORIANS ASSOCIATION

The Committee's policy of involving the present pupils of the school in some of the Association's activities was continued last year when members of the school rugby teams were invited to hear a talk in the Hall by Mr. Carwyn James, Assistant Manager to the successful 1971 British Lions. We were delighted that so many boys from both Dynevor and other local schools showed their interest in this function and it is hoped that further evenings of a similar pattern may be held.

One function that should have some appeal for all age groups will take place in the coming autumn, when Mr. R. M. Davies of the City Planning Department will be making a return visit to the Association to give us an illustrated talk on Swansea. We hope that as many boys as possible, together with their parents, will join us on this occasion.

Our last two annual dinners were very well attended. At last year's function Mr. Doug Smith, who has proved an active and extremely enthusiastic President during his year of office, welcomed more than one hundred members and several honoured guests. At this year's function, Mr. Myrddyn Williams, the incoming President, spoke of the type of service that Old Dyvorians could perform for the present school; other speakers included Mr. Vernon Rees Davies, J.P., and Mr. Geraint G. Walters, C.B.E., Controller for Works (Wales) at the Department of Environment. The school was represented by David Price and by the Headmaster, Mr. D.B. Norris, who brought an excellent evening to a close with a series of interesting slides on the past and present school. This large, enthusiastic gathering of Old Dyvorians re-affirmed in no uncertain manner the interest and eagerness to be of assistance which the Association always tries to demonstrate to the present school.

On the sporting field, both the annual rugby and cricket matches were played as usual at St. Helen's and it is expected that an Old Boys' soccer match will be played some time early in the summer term. May we appeal again this year to those past pupils interested in taking part in these games? Please let us know early of your desire to play and so make easier the task of the selectors of the respective teams.

Prospective members of the Association are reminded also that there is in existence an Old Dyvorian Golf Society. Any one interested should contact the Hon. Secretary for information.

The ever-increasing cost of fulfilling our aims as a past pupils' Association has compelled us to increase the annual subscription to one pound. The Annual Meeting, however, thought that those younger Old Boys who are still in some form of educational institution should be asked to pay 25p only per year.

We do not hesitate, therefore, in issuing a warm welcome to those leaving school this year to obtain from the Hon. Secretary the appropriate form of membership. We need the sort of support that only you can give.

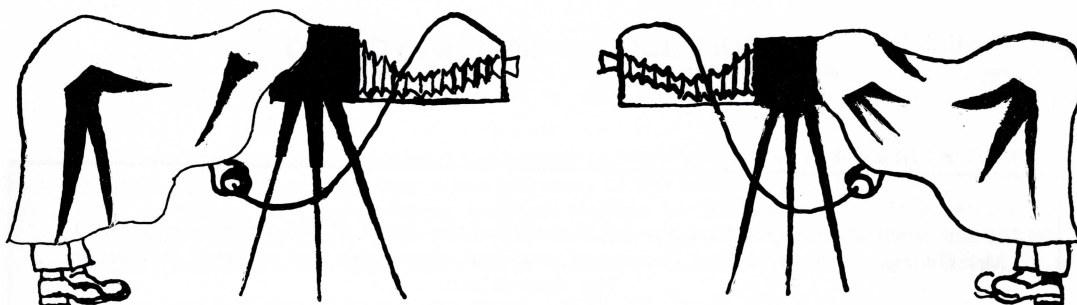
It was with deep regret that our AGM recorded the death of Mr. Arthur Davies and Mr. George Gibbs, two Past Presidents who had given long and valuable service to the Association.

The death of Mr. Clifford Evans also, the retired Deputy Headmaster, caused great sorrow to many generations of Old Dyvorians who will long remember with affection the dedication and devotion he forever showed to his school and to his profession.

P.T.A.

The school P.T.A. has just finished a very successful second year. Among events held have been coffee evenings, a talk by Prof. Ifor Isaac of Swansea University, a concert by Cor Cadlan with Miss Cynthia Glover, Mr. Leonard John and Iwan Davies as artists, and what proved to be a very popular Car Treasure Hunt. The P.T.A. has donated a sum of money to school funds and presented football jerseys to the school teams.

A list of forthcoming events is now being organised and to make them a success your support is essential.



THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This club was started during the last term of last year, it was started by three of the U6 and one 5th year student. This year the club started with only one member! During the first two terms of this year the club has gained several others all of whom are unfortunately 6th form students who will be leaving the school soon. This obviously would leave the club with no members. To kill the club so soon after its inception would be a great shame, not only to the members of the club, but to the school and the pupils in general. The club can produce photographs, (unfortunately, only black and white at present) at a much lower cost than a commercial company.

The club not only produces finished photographs but also take the photographs to be processed. We have just finished a series of photographs for the Headmaster which he will be using in his forthcoming annual talk to the Old Dyvorians Society.

The club does not exist just to render a cheap method of producing photographs for the school, it also exists to teach any of Dynevor's 1,000-plus pupils the basics of this very expensive hobby, which is probably too costly for many pupils to indulge in. As a teaching institution the club would welcome any pupil who is interested. We should be particularly grateful if the junior pupils would show a greater interest in the club and join. It is not necessary to own a camera to join the club, nor is it necessary to have had any previous photographic experience. If you are interested in joining the club would you please contact Mr. Devereux, T.J. Williams, or I.S. Rees.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their wholehearted support in making the club the going concern it now is:

Mr. Devereux, T.J. Williams (L6 ScI), C.J. Presley (L6 ScI), B. Crabbe (5), S. Wilde (6/12), and of course, Mr. D.B. Norris, without whose help and encouragement the club could not have been started.

I. S. Rees (Club Secretary).

SWIMMING CLUB

This year a school swimming club has been started under the guidance of Mr. G.R.Jenkins. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening, from 5.00 - 5.30., in Bishop Gore Baths. An average of 15-20 boys attend these half hour sessions. During these sessions the boys train for Personal Survival and Life-Saving Awards.

To date, 7 Bronze, 10 Silver, 12 Gold and 3 Honours awards in Personal Survival have been obtained by members of the club. It is also noteworthy that the three boys who gained the Honours Award, J. Lewis, B. Morgan and A. Maddocks, are the first boys from Dynevor to do so.

D.J. Thomas

ORIENTEERING

Orienteering is an up-and-coming sport from Sweden, where events attract over two thousand competitors regularly. However, it is not yet an Olympic sport but hopes are high for its inclusion in the 1976 games.

The School's Orienteering Club has had a busy year attending events all over South Wales, including the Welsh Championships at Margam Forest. Other events have been held at Wentwood Forest near Newport, Draethen Forest near Cardiff and, more locally, Penllergeer Forest. Also events have been held on the sand-dunes at Merthyr Mawr. Most of these events were organised by Swansea and Cardiff Universities but the school has held two smaller events in Penllergeer Forest.

The Orienteering Club has achieved a great deal of success this year with a number of "firsts" and many other good placings, no mean achievement when four hundred people are competing.

The boys who have taken part would like to thank Mr. B. Evans for sparing his time to take us to the events, and we are sure our success will continue into the next school-year.

Stephen Kirk.

SPORTS NEWS

We would like to thank Mr. Winstone Jones (Cwmgor) and the Rev. Noel James (Swansea) for refereeing our school matches.

Also Mrs. Bray and the other ladies for providing meals.

Our thanks also to Mr. Davies, the school groundsman, for his ready assistance during the year.

Congratulations to Stephen John of the 4th year on his selection for the Welsh Schools Soccer team (under 15) against Scotland.

Barry Jones became the first basket ball international from the school when he represented Wales against both England and Scotland.

Christopher Thomas and Phillip Morris were selected for the final Welsh Rugby trial (under 15).

The following boys gained Secondary Schools Rugby trials: I.Tyrrel, P.Clements, B.Jones, C.Rees, C. Gange, K. Evans.

C.Gange and C.Rees represented the Glamorgan Schools Rugby team (under 17).

Robert Williams is a member of the Welsh Soccer Squad (under 19), and played for the team against Scotland.

K.Dennis, R.Lewis, K.Harwood, K.James, Huw Lloyd, N.Griffiths, P.Clement, represented Glamorgan Schools.

John Rees was selected for the Glamorgan Schools Cricket XI and the 1st Welsh trial.

Andrew Thomas of the fourth form represented the Welsh Table Tennis team against England.

1st. XI ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The 1st XI has completed another season winning eleven out of fifteen games. However this year the Ivor Tuck Trophy proved to be an elusive target, the team losing 1-0 in the quarter-final match to Howardian Cardiff.

This season we have had a number of successes in the field of representative honours. Eleven boys from the school represented the city team; Robert Williams was capped at under 19 level for Wales, and Robert Lewis, Kevin Harwood, Keith Dennis, Ken Jones, Huw Lloyd, Nigel Griffiths and Paul Clement have all represented Glamorgan.

We would like to offer our thanks to Mr. S. Meredith for coaching the side during the season.

N. Griffiths.

2nd XV

1971-72 was a most successful season under the able captaincy of I.Rees, who was called mid-way through the season to play for the 1st XV. On many occasions the team was considerably weakened by the need to fill vacancies occurring in the 1st XV. Even so we managed to run up some impressive scores such as that against Gwendraeth Grammar School whom we beat 32-4.

We would like to thank Mr. N. James and W. Jones for refereeing the matches. The following represented the 2nd. XV:

I.Rees, A.Watts, R.Liscombe, B.Price, M.Rees, D.Hemming, G.Batty, P.Wiberg, A.Edwards, P.Davies, W.Dicks, K.Scime, A.Fielding, P. Snary, D.Evans, R.Cowley, D.Edwards, D.Langley, K. Aubrey, G.Jones, P.Clement, G.Harvey, C.Thomas, S. Gwynne, D.Cudd, D.Webb, I.Beynon, T.Young.

R.Liscombe Hon. Sec.

THIRD YEAR SOCCER

This was a fairly successful season for the side which culminated in their Winning the cup and being second in the League and Six-a-Side competitions.

We would like to thank Messrs. M. Rayner and B. Pope for giving up their time to run the team.

A. Mitchel.

SWANSEA SCHOOLBOYS 1971-72 (Association Football)

The nucleus of the team was built around six Dynevor Boys. The team conceded only ten goals during the season. The team was unlucky to be defeated by a strong Chelmsford side at the Vetch, after having held them to a draw, at Chelmsford. After this set-back the team settled down to play some good football. The team then went on to win the Welsh Schools Cup competition beating Chester in the Final.

The Dynevor boys who played were: S. John, S. James, P. Evans, R. Davies, (Capt.) J. Marshal, S. James, G. Newcombe.

P. Evans.

1st XV 1971-72

The School's 1st XV opened the season in fine style and expert judges of the game regarded them as one of the finest teams to be produced by the school in recent years. Unfortunately certain rather regrettable incidents occurred which resulted both in the loss of several players and also much of the team's confidence and morale. A recovery was made towards the end of the season and the team is looking forward to the next campaign in a fairly confident mood.

It was unfortunate that captain - elect I. Tyrell relinquished the responsibility during the season, and without a doubt this adversely affected the morale of the team.

Nevertheless the final playing record of the team under the captaincy of C. Gange was successful, considering the number of matches lost by three or four points.

Record: Played: 19, won 9, Lost 9, Drawn 1.

Players who represented the side were: C.Gange (Captain), S.Guard(V.Captain), C.Rees, K.Evans, B.James, P.Sterio, M.Morres, W.Llewellyn, H.Davies, B.Price, K.Aubrey, D.Evans, D.Cudd, P.Snary, G.Ley, C.Presley, A.Watts, P.Clement, Q.Williams, A.Mattey, P.Davies, P.Wiberg, I.Tyrrel, D. Hemming, I. Beynon.

We would like to thank Mr. Adrian Davies for coaching the side during the year and also Mr.W.B. Evans for his support.

C.Rees, Hon. Sec.

FOURTH YEAR RUGBY

This was in many respects a disappointing season in terms of results. The league record was disappointing due mainly to Swansea Schoolboy calls. However, towards the end of the season the team redeemed itself and managed to win the 4th yr. cup. Special thanks must be given to Mr. Glyn Jones, and Mr. W.D.Davies for their encouragement and support during the season.

THIRD YEAR RUGBY

Although the side won far more games than they lost, it was in many ways a disappointing season, in so far as the side did not really live up to its full potential. This was in the main due to a reluctance on the part of most of the side to attend training sessions and, as a result, when the team played better class opposition many weaknesses were exposed.

SWANSEA SCHOOLBOYS 1971-72 (Rugby)

The season started well for Swansea by winning the Western Union Blythe Cup. During the period September to December, Swansea steadily worked through the early rounds in the quest for the coveted Dewar Shield, and victories over Aberavon, Mynydd Mawr, and Llanelli, were achieved. During January they defeated Carmarthen in the semi-final. However, during the tour of the Home Counties, the team seemed to lose their usual fire and this resulted in a lot of petty injuries. The earlier form was not recovered and the team lost the Dewar Shield Final against Cardiff.

Dynevor produced six regular members; Peter John, Stephen Davies, Philip Morris, Stephen Gwynne, Gethin John, and Christopher Thomas as captain.

Others who played were:

John Rees, Malcom Sharpe, Ian Murphy, Julian Guard, David Davies, Lesley John.

C. Thomas.

1st XI CRICKET REPORT 1971

Any success achieved by last year's school team was somewhat marred by inconsistent form against more moderate opposition. However, fine performances were registered against Dyffryn and strong Bridgend and Penlan sides. Although eventually losing to Bridgend, Dynevor displayed their best batting of the season.

The batting as a whole lacked consistency and the final total was largely comprised of overall individual performances. J. Rees was the outstanding batsman while G. Jones displayed fine potential, particularly in the opening half of the season. There were also good performances by K. Evans, R. Davies.

K. Evans was undoubtedly the outstanding bowler taking more than five wickets a match on several occasions. He was ably supported in attack by A. Mort and C. Rees.

The school team made a creditable performance in the annual Old Boy's Match at St. Helens while forcing a draw.

Players — J. Rees (Capt.), A. Mort, K. Evans (Sec.) G. Jones, C. Rees, G. Grange, R. Cowley, M. Jenkins, K. Dennis, C. Gigg, K. Aubrey, A. Fielding and R. Davies.

Our thanks to Mr. W. Evans for his support and advice.

C. Grange.

CRICKET 2nd YEAR

The 2nd year cricket team had a very successful season, losing only to Olchfa and in the final against Cefn Hengoed.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.

Kelvin Rees 8 wickets for 13 runs against Olchfa; David Evans 44 runs not out against Olchfa.

We would like to thank Mr. A. Balch for his support and encouragement.

BADMINTON REPORT 1971-72

The Badminton Team had a 100% record in matches played last season and only in one match did we concede more than one game. The regular members of this season's team were: G.Jones, P.Hunt, A.Jones, R.Rees, A.Thomas, and R.Trick, with T.Bolsh and A.Rees able substitutes when needed.

Next year it is hoped to have two teams and there is a possibility of a league being formed. Anyone in the school can join the Badminton Club, (membership fee is 25p), and the gym can be used every dinner-hour, and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.0 p.m. Those wishing to join should contact one of the committee.

Committee

G. Jones (Captain) LVI Sc.I
P.Hunt (Treasurer) LVI Sc.II
R.Trick (Secretary) LVI ARTS.

The committee would like to thank Mr. Hugh Devereux for giving up so much of his valuable time.

RESULTS FOR SEASON 1971-72

Mynyddbach	(H)	Won	9-0
Llyn-y-Bryn	(A)	"	8-1
Neath B.G.S.	(H)	"	9-0
Mynyddbach	(A)	"	9-0
Neath B.G.S.	(A)	"	8-1
Penlan	(H)	"	7-2
Penlan	(A)	"	8-1

Dynevor and Llyn-y-Bryn v Bishop Vaughn

Won 8-1

R. Trick (Sec).

KIDDIE'S KORNER

Hello Kiddies! Here we are again with another simple quiz. As before, just write the answers on a five pound note to the address below and you could be one of the lucky winners! The first prize for the lucky boy or girl with all the answers – provided they are long, rambling, off the point, and preferably written in Gaelic – is the Premiership. Easy for simple minds!

1. Has shares in a large toothpaste concern. His shoulders twitch when emotionally excited. Is noted for his sincerity – he hasn't any.
2. She is noted for her excellent teeth – which leads her to believe that all others have them too. A good friend and benefactor of students.
3. He's dead – probably.
- 4&5. They should be, but to defend their rights, and as a reasonable form of argument, they make explosive demonstrations of patriotism, i.e., love for one's country and countrymen to the people at large.
6. He is short and fat. When in office, was fond of bossing people about, but is really a lovable chap and soon kissed and made up (for a while, anyway). His favourite colour is red, but what makes him most see red is yellow.

AND NOW IT'S QUICKIE TIME! (Answers below)

1. What is it that thousands are, thousands were in 1926, and the Government hopefully will be?
2. What is it that makes an M.A. with 15 'O' levels and 6 'A' levels worse than all the skinheads, hippies, greasers and junkies put together? It is also an excuse for brutality and murder.
3. Who told us we've never had it so good, prosperity is here, Britain is great, and disarmament is idiocy?

Well kiddies, don't be too downhearted if you couldn't answer these jolly riddles – neither could Gerrienne Greer. Oh yes! the answers:

1. Unemployed; 2. Apartheid; 3. Chamberlain, 1932.

Answers to last week's quiz: (a) yes; (b) no; (c) don't know; (d) perhaps; (e) a – good bloke.

Well, goodbye for now. Don't forget to clean your teeth between sweets!

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS

Nelson's plan to beat the French was to cut his ships into two halves.

Gibson creates a wonderful image in his 'Flannon Isle', getting the reader worked up to such a crescendo that he has to slow down so as to be able to read the words properly'.

Romeo and Juliet were a heroic couplet.

A celibate is a kind of fish.

Social comment on school dinners - demoralising.

Every week the rent man, who had an enormous nose, came round to collect the rent from the Smiths, and every week Mrs. Smith tried desperately to get rid of little Johnny in case he should say something about the man's nose. One week, she even tried offering him money for sweets, but he would not go. However, Mrs. Smith persevered and Johnny went, just as the rent man arrived. Sighing with relief she offered him a cup of tea. He accepted gratefully, but just as she entered the kitchen she turned around and asked, "By the way, do you take sugar in your nose?"

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Most poems rhyme,
But this one doesn't!

Little Johnny came home from school with a nosebleed. "A kid hit me" he sobbed. "Would you recognise him again?" asked his mother. "Yes - I've got his ear in my pocket."

SPRING HOLIDAY (Or, How to Canoe Down the River Wye Backwards)

Well, I didn't canoe backwards down the whole length of the Wye. Just a short stretch of rapids.

It all happened during the Spring Bank Holiday.

My family decided to spend the holiday in the Wye Valley in our touring caravan. We set out on the Friday of the Bank Holiday weekend and made for Hay-on-Wye. When we arrived at Hay we found that the caravan site at which we had planned to stay was full, so we headed down to Hereford, looking all the time for sites. We eventually found ourselves at Ross-on-Wye. We had stayed at Ross the previous year at a site called The Orchard, and we now booked here for two nights. The site is, in fact, an orchard, with the caravans parked beneath the fruit trees. When we had last stayed here the fruit was on the trees, but now, of course, the trees were in bloom.

Travelling on the roof-rack of our car was my pride and joy — my thirteen-foot, single-seater, fibreglass canoe which I had used only twice, in Swansea Bay. My long-term plan was to canoe down the River Wye later in the year, and I was now eager to launch my canoe on the river.

The piece of fibreglass was launched at Ross the next day (conveniently, for my father, near the "Hope and Anchor"). After getting used to the river, I canoed to the road bridge at Ross and a little beyond, getting the feel of the river.

Sunday found us deep in the Wye Valley at a camp site in the little village of Llandogo, and right on the river bank, so I wasted no time getting the canoe into the water. But canoeing up and down the same stretch of water soon became monotonous and I decided to paddle to Tintern, the next village downstream. We had previously travelled from Llandogo to Tintern by road, looking at the river to see if there were any rapids, but we hadn't seen any. So on Monday, May 29th, I set off on my 'epic' journey down the River Wye. Almost immediately I came across some minor rapids (I call them minor now, but they were major then!). I went across them without much difficulty and proceeded down river. Then, around the next bend, disaster struck! More rapids — big ones! I decided to land to see what they looked like from the bank. I had read some books on river canoeing and could remember something about looking for a 'V' shape in the rapids. This 'V' shape stood out clearly enough but after that there was about a hundred yards of broken water (I won't go into the jargon of canoeing, partly because you may not know it but mainly because I don't know it!). After about half a second's thought, I decided to carry the canoe past the rapids because I didn't want to capsize — and because I was scared stiff! Then, down river, I ran into some more rapids near Brokweir, but I shot those comfortably.

As I was canoeing along, waving to onlookers and feeling rather proud of myself, I heard a rushing noise. Around the next bend — more rapids . . .

Because of the fuss and bother of getting in and out of the canoe, I decided to get as near as possible to see if they were small enough to shoot. Alas, I got too near! As I turned to canoe away I found myself being carried through the rapids backwards . . . All around me was rushing water, but by some miracle I managed to turn without capsizing and carry on going the right way. Around the next bend, much to my relief, was Tintern. There were more rapids near the road bridge, but as these were small I shot them easily and landed at Tintern.

Although I had fulfilled a wish to canoe down some of the Wye, I felt I had to shoot the first set of rapids and not portage, as before, so the following day I set off once more from Llandogo to Tintern. This time I successfully shot the rapids and got to Tintern in one piece.

My appetite has now been whetted, and I am looking forward more than ever to canoeing down a larger stretch of the Wye. However, it would be foolish to think of attempting such a journey alone, and I would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to accompany me on a canoe/camping trip lasting about four days . . . *

Michael Jones (4/22)

** After reading this article? — no thanks! Paddle your own canoe! — Eds.*

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